

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DONNY STEWARD,
Petitioner,

v.

STUART SHERMAN,
Respondent.

Case No. [15-cv-00667-KAW](#) (PR)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Petitioner Donny Steward, a prisoner incarcerated at Corcoran State Prison, filed this petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 challenging his state criminal conviction.¹ Petitioner has consented to the jurisdiction of the undersigned United States Magistrate Judge over this action. Petitioner's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* is granted. Dkt. No. 1.

It does not appear from the face of the petition that it is without merit. Good cause appearing, the Court hereby issues the following orders:

1. The Clerk of the Court shall serve a copy of this Order and the petition and all attachments thereto upon Respondent and Respondent's attorney, the Attorney General of the State of California. The Clerk also shall serve a copy of this Order on Petitioner at his current address.

2. No later than sixty days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall file with this Court and serve upon Petitioner an Answer conforming, in all respects, to Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, showing cause why a writ of habeas corpus should not be issued. Respondent shall file, with the Answer, all portions of the state record that have been transcribed previously and are relevant to a determination of the issues presented by the petition. If Petitioner

¹ This case was transferred to this district from the Eastern District of California.

1 wishes to respond to the Answer, he shall do so by filing a Traverse with the Court and serving it
2 on Respondent within thirty days of his receipt of the Answer. If he does not do so, the petition
3 will be deemed submitted and ready for decision on the date the Traverse is due.

4 3. No later than sixty days from the date of this Order, Respondent may file with this Court
5 and serve upon Petitioner a motion to dismiss on procedural grounds in lieu of an Answer, as set
6 forth in the Advisory Committee Notes to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases. If
7 Respondent files such a motion, Petitioner shall file with the Court and serve on Respondent an
8 opposition or statement of non-opposition to the motion within thirty days of receipt of the
9 motion, and Respondent shall file with the Court and serve on Petitioner a reply within fourteen
10 days of receipt of an opposition.

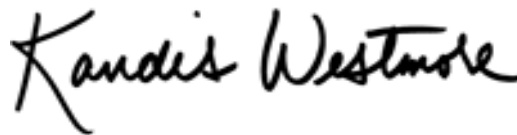
11 4. It is Plaintiff's responsibility to prosecute this case. Plaintiff must keep the Court
12 informed of any change of address by filing a separate paper with the Clerk headed "Notice of
13 Change of Address," and must comply with the Court's orders in a timely fashion. He also must
14 serve on Respondent's counsel all communications with the Court by mailing a true copy of the
15 document to Respondent's counsel.

16 5. Extensions of time are not favored, though reasonable extensions will be granted. Any
17 motion for an extension of time must be filed no later than ten days prior to the deadline sought to
18 be extended.

19 6. Respondent shall file his Consent or Declination to Magistrate Judge Jurisdiction within
20 twenty-eight days from the date of this Order. The Clerk shall mail to Respondent the necessary
21 form to indicate his consent or declination. This form can also be found at
22 www.cand.uscourts.gov/civilforms

23 IT IS SO ORDERED.

24 Dated: May 14, 2015



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26 KANDIS A. WESTMORE
27 United States Magistrate Judge
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